

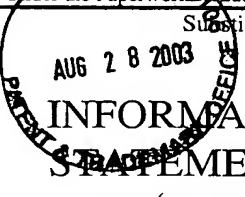
Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → [+]

PTO/SB08A/B (04-03)

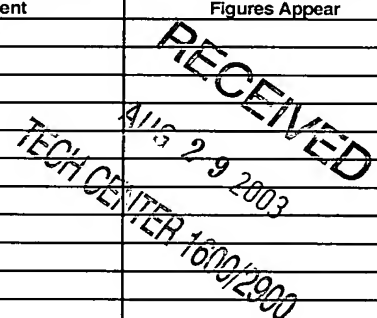
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) SHEET 1 of 1	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	10/064,710
	Confirmation Number	1875
	Filing Date	08/08/2002
	First Named Inventor	Richard Joseph Sunberg
	Group Art Unit	1616
	Examiner Name	Choi
Attorney Docket Number	9008	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
JL	1	US-4,656,153	04/07/1987	Wennerberg	
	2	US-5,407,442	04/18/1995	Karapasha	
	3	US-5,451,444	09/19/1995	DeLiso et al.	
	4	US-5,487,917	01/30/1996	Gadkaree	
	5	US-5,597,617	01/28/1997	DeLiso et al.	
	6	US-5,693,340	12/02/1997	Harth et al.	
	7	US-5,718,896	02/17/1998	Allen	
	8	US-5,767,135	06/16/1998	Fernandez-Pol	
	9	US-5,778,886	07/14/1998	Shihata	
	10	US-5,860,391	01/19/1999	Maxwell et al.	
	11	US-5,972,525	10/26/1999	Mori et al.	
	12	US-6,165,493	12/26/2000	Neurath et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED 12/13/2003		

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.